

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SAIGON 20341 040519Z

13

ACTION VO-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 SY-10 SCA-01 INSE-00 L-03 /025 W

----- 020963

R 040425Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9563

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SAIGON 20341

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: CVIS

SUBJECT: VISA FRAUD IN FIANCEE CASES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF TWO TYPES OF FRAUD BEING PERPETRATED IN FIANCEE VISA APPLICATIONS. REQUEST THAT YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN INS.

2. "VISA AGENTS" IN SAIGON ARE CHARGING 1,000,000 PIASTERS (ABOUT \$2,000) FOR WHICH THEY GUARANTEE TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN FIANCEE TO FILE I-129F PETITION. NO INTENT TO MARRY IS INVOLVED. THIS PROCEDURE IS DESIGNED TO CIRCUMVENT THE GVN TRAVEL BAN UNDER WHICH PASSPORTS ARE ROUTINELY ISSUED ONLY TO FINANCEES, WIVES, AND CHILDREN OF FOREIGN NATIONALS. EMBASSY BEGAN CROSSFILING FIANCEE CASES UNDER AMERICAN FIANCEE'S NAME SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN EFFORT TO PREVENT SAME MAN FROM FILING PETITIONS FOR SEVERAL GIRLS AT VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES.

3. WE HAVE ALSO ENCOUNTERED AN INCREASING NUMBER OF "PEN PAL" CASES. THESE APPARENTLY INVOLVE A SINCERE INTENT TO MARRY BUT THE COUPLE HAVE NEVER MET. WE INITIALLY BECAME AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM WHEN SEVERAL WOMEN VISITED CONSULATE TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON FIANCEE VISA TO SEND TO MEN IN US AND IN CONVERSATION WITH RECEPTIONIST ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD NEVER MET THESE MEN. AS THE WORD SPREADS THAT ONE MUST HAVE MET FIANCEE WE EXPECT STRATAGEMS TO BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SAIGON 20341 040519Z

4. IN MANY I-129F PETITIONS RECEIVED HERE ITEM 19 HAS BEEN FILLED

OUT INCOMPLETELY OR NOT AT ALL. WE RECEIVED ONE PETITION, APPROVED
ERRONEOUSLY, IN WHICH PETITIONER STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER MET
BENEFICIARY BUT HAD CORRESPONDED WITH HER. AS OUR ONLY MEANS OF
DETERMINING WHETHER COUPLE HAS MET IS TO QUESTION APPLICANT AND
COMPARE HER STATEMENTS WITH THOSE ON PETITION WE WILL, FROM NOW ON,
RETURN TO APPROVING DISTRICT OFFICE ANY PETITION WHICH IS NOT
PROPERLY COMPLETED. INS MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER THE NECESSITY
OF REQUIRING FROM PETITIONER EVIDENCE OF HIS PRESENCE IN VIET NAM
AT THE TIME HE CLAIMS TO HAVE MET FINANCE.
MARTIN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: worrelsw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON20341
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731246/aaaabhwk.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION VO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: worrelsw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 31 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <31-Jul-2001 by thigpegh>; APPROVED <09-Aug-2001 by worrelsw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISA FRAUD IN FIANCEE CASES
TAGS: CVIS, VS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005